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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY.

The Forty-Third session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was begun and held in Woodville, Miss., Dec. 8—15, 1859.

Bishop Paine not having arrived, the Conference was called to order by H. J. Harris, Secretary of the last Conference; and on motion Jno. G. Jones was called to the chair and opened the Conference with reading the scriptures, singing, and prayer.

The roll being called the following members appeared and answered to their names, viz: Jno. Boyes, David W. Dillehay, Jno. T. Dew, James English, Lorenzo Ercanbrack, Ephraim A. Flowers, Charles T. French, James A. Godfrey, Wm. B. Hines, Henry J. Harris, James S. Harris, John B. Higginbotham, Whitfield Harrington, John G. Jones, John A. B. Jones, Ransom J. Jones, John Lusk, Robt. W. Lambuth, Elisha F. Mullins, Wm. G. Millsaps, Thos. Price, Erastus R. Strickland, Wm. S. Townsend, George F. Thompson, and Wm. H. Watkins.

The Conference then proceeded to ballot for President, *pro tem.*, and Jno. G. Jones was elected. Henry J. Harris was elected Secretary and James A. Godfrey Assistant.

The hour of 9 o'clock A. M., was fixed for meeting, and 1 P. M. for adjournment, during the session.

The following Standing Committees were then appointed to-wit:

On Public Worship—L. Campbell, John J. Wheat, and Wm. H. Watkins.

On Memoirs—Thos. C. Thornton, Levi Pearce, John C. Miller, Henry J. Harris, and H. H. Montgomery.

Wm. H. Watkins, John G. Jones, and John C. Miller were appointed a committee to prepare rules for the government of the Conference.

A draft of rules was presented by John G. Jones, read to the Conference and referred to this committee, as also the sketch of a "*plan for Lay co-operation*," prepared by John C. Miller.

The President called the attention of the members to the interests of the "Preachers' Fund Society," and on motion the Conference adjourned, with the benediction, to give place for a meeting of this Society.

SECOND DAY.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M. Bishop Paine in the chair, who also conducted the religious exercises.

The roll was called and the following members were present in addition to those who answered to their names on yesterday, viz: Wm. P. Barton, John B. Bowen, Horace M. Booth, John J. Clark, Wm. M. Curtis, James G. Carlisle, Lewell Campbell, Jas. J. Early, Francis M. Featherstun, Jas. L. Forsyth, Chirstopher R. Godfrey, Jas. Y. Griffing, Benjamin Jones, James A. Light, Henry T. Lewis, John R. Lambuth, H. H. Montgomery, Jacob Mathews, James A. Merrill, James Maclennan, Dan'l McDonald, J. W. McCrary, Jos. D. Newsom, Jos. Nicholson, Barnabas Pipkin, D. A. J. Parker, Levi Pearce, Jas. H. Shelton, Franklin W. Sharbrough, Alex. J. Smith, Sam'l T. Swiney, Thos. C. Thornton, Jas. Walton, Geo. D. Wade, David M. Wiggins, L. Wiley, and Henry M. Youngblood.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The committee appointed to prepare rules for the Conference, made their report, which was amended and adopted. The same committee reported, also, upon the "plan for lay co-operation." This report, after some amendments, was adopted and ordered to be published in the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Plan of Lay Co-operation for the Mississippi Annual Conference:

WHEREAS, At our last Annual session, a committee was appointed "to consider and report to Conference, a plan of *Lay Co-Operation*, and whereas L. Campbell, W. H. Watkins, B. M. Drake, J. G. Jones, and L. Pearce, said committee, submitted the following report which was adopted, to wit:

The committee appointed to consider and report to the Conference, a plan for Lay Representation in the Conference have had the subject under consideration, and, in view of the importance of the ends intended to be accomplished by the union of the zeal, piety, and wisdom, of the laity of the church with that of the members of the Conference, we hope the approaching General Conference will perfect a uniform plan of operation to be adopted by all the Conferences.

We recommend that all the Quarterly Conferences elect, at their third or fourth meeting for the ensuing year, a Lay Committeeman, whose duty it shall be to attend the next session of this Annual Conference, and take such part in the proceedings of the various committees of the Conference as may be fit. We recommend the appointment of a chairman upon the following committees, viz: On Education, Missions, Bible Cause, Sunday Schools, Ministerial Support, and Church Publications. And

WHEREAS, In compliance with this report, the Bishop appointed the following Chairmen of Committees, to-wit:

ON EDUCATION.....J. C. MILLER.
ON MISSIONS.....T. C. THORNTON.
ON BIBLE CAUSE .....J. L. FORSYTH.
ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.....B. M. DRAKE.
ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.....L. CAMPBELL.
ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....H. M. BOOTH.

And WHEREAS, Under the recommendation contained in the above report, many, if not all of the Quarterly Conferences, have appointed Lay Committeemen, who have come up, and now tender their service as co-operators with us in the great work of building up Christ's Church on earth; and whereas, it is important to expedition and harmony of action, that the Conference and our Lay Brethern should immediately know the *plan* of co-operation, therefore

Resolved, This plan shall be called the Plan of Lay Co-operation, in the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Resolved, Each Quarterly Conference, in the bounds of this Conference, shall annually elect one delegate, who shall be a member of the church within the jurisdiction of said Quarterly Conference, either a layman or local preacher, whose duty it shall be to attend the ensuing Annual Conference, and there share in such committee action as may be hereinafter designated.

Resolved, That on each afternoon of the days on which the Conference shall meet, until committee business is completed, the Conference shall resolve itself into a committee on the whole upon some one of the subjects hereinafter named, and shall, together with the Lay Delegates from the Quarterly Conference, constitute the Committee on Education, the Committee on Church Publications, the Committee on Sunday Schools, the Committee on Missions, the Committee on Ministerial Support, and the Committee on Bible Cause.

Resolved, The Conference shall appoint, each session, from its members, the Chairman of the several Committees for the ensuing year, whose duty it shall be to prepare during the year a report of the several interests which they respectively represent; and to preside in Lay Session, at the ensuing Annual Conference.

Resolved, The Committee on Missions shall meet and act with the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society.

Resolved, All reports, documents, petitions, &c., appeartaining to aforesaid subjects, shall, when entertained by the Conference, be referred to the committee of the whole in Lay Session.

Resolved, The chairman of each committee shall report upon the rising of the committee to the Conference, the action of the committee of the whole in a written report.

Resolved, When the report of the committee of the whole shall be submitted to the Conference, the Conference may adopt or reject such report; but the Lay Delegates shall have the privilege of discussing said report before the Conference.

Resolved, The rules regulating the committee of the whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a committee of the whole in the following respects:

1st. It shall elect a Secretary for each subject, upon which the committee deliberates, and each Secretary shall, in a seperate bound book, keep a faithful record of the proceedings, and said book shall be preserved in the archives of the Conference.

2d. It may appoint sub-committees upon the subject matter of the committee.

3d. It may limit discussion.

4th. It may, upon motion, by changing the Chairman and Secretary, go into the consideration of another subject than the one under consideration without rising.

5th. It may put the previous question.

6th. The Conference does not resume its session immediately upon the rising of the committee, but meets at the usual hour.

7th. If the committee on any subject rises before the business is completed, it shall be the duty of the Chairman, provided the committee is not to sit again upon that subject, to take the whole subject under consideration and report to the Conference.

Resolved, The preacher in charge of any station, where an Annual Conference is to be held, in providing entertainments for the preachers, shall provide, also, for the Lay Committeemen of each Quarterly Conference.

Resolved, Should the Committee of the whole fail to act upon any subject, the Conference may take up said subject and consider and act thereupon—as on all other subjects not submitted to the action of said committee.

JOHN C. MILLER.

(The Conference being now fully organized, we give the further proceedings not in the form of a daily journal, but in the usual form of Questions and Answers.) SECRETARY.

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—What Preachers are admitted on Trial?

ANSWER.—Nathan S. Cornell, Wm. B. Lewis, Andrew J. Wheat, Wm. Glass, Wm. H. Lyons, John J. Millsaps,* Charles G. Andrews, Ransom J. Jones, jr., Robert B. Downer, James C. Taylor, Newton B. Young. Re-admitted: *Wm. B. Johnson.*

Q. 2.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—Jarred W. McNeal, Jacob C. Sellers, John D. Shaw, Henry P. Lewis, Green C. Fore, Wm. R. Rainey, Asbury R. Hines, Thos. W. Hines, Parmenas Howard, Geo. Jackson, Jno. A. Vance, Albert Becton, *Thos. C. Rayner.*

(A resolution was adopted by the Conference requiring all the Preachers who were reported defficient in the course of study, to bring up the same next year. This to apply to all undergraduates in the Ministry.)

Q. 3.—Who are admitted into full connection, and Elected to Deacon's Orders?

A.—Richard T. Hennington Wallace W. Graves, John W. Jones, †*Rich'd Abbey*, ‡*Vernon H. Johnston*, ‡*Hervey Copeland*, and ‡*Wm. H. Scales.*

Q. 4.—Who are the Deacons of one year?

A.—Alexander J. Smith, Wm. G. Millsaps, Thos. M. Ward, John Boyes, Dan'l M. Wadsworth, John D. Willis, K. A. Jones, Samuel T. Swiney, Benjamin Avent, John W. McCrary Robert W. Lambuth.

Q. 5.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders—*Traveling?*

*In Deacons Orders.

†In Elders Orders.

‡Elected Elders at this Conference.

A.—Elisha F. Mullins, John J. Wheat, James S. Harris, F. W. Sharbrough, James English, Whitfield Harrington, William S. Townsend, Henry D. Berry, Wm. H. Scales, D. W. Dillehay.

Q. 6.—What Local Preachers were Elected and Ordained Deacons?

A. Edward Foster, ‖Wm. I. Hamilton, Robt. Middleton, ‖J. P. Street, ‖Drury Bell, ‖Stephen Van Voris, J. J. Millsaps, ‖A. Moss, ‖Sam'l F. Gard, ‖R. T. Crowson, ‖John E. Shumaker, J. Shilling, ‖Wesley G. Evans, S. B. Webb.

Q. 7.—What Local Deacons were Elected and Ordained Elders?

A. Hiram Enloe, Wm. C. Chamberlain, Middleton Ford, Wm. B. Johnson, ‖John H. Wynburne, ‖Stephen Johnson, ‖Thomas A. Glenn, ‖John F. Glenn, ‖Geo. L. Crosby.

Q. 8.—Who have located this year?

A.—*Jas. Walton, W. H. Germany*, Benj. Avent.

Q.—Who have withdrawn this year?

A.—Wm. Hoover, Thos. L. McGraw, John G. Hollins (discontinued at their own request.)

Q. 10.—Who are the Supernumeraries?

A.—Thos. M. Ward, *John W. Adams, Geo. T. Vickers.*

Q. 11.—Who are the Superanuated Preachers?

A.—*Thos. Owen, Thos. Clinton, J. I. E. Bird, Hardy Mullins, Peter James, Jas. M. Turner, John B. Higginbotham.*

Q. 12.—Are all the Preachers blameless?

A.—They were examined one by one, and their characters passed by the Conference. Pending this examination, the following preamble and resolution were adopted in reference to J. P. Lindeman:

Whereas, J. P. Lindeman was received by this Conference at its last session upon certificates from the Iowa Conference of the M. E. Church, and whereas, it appears manifest to this Conference that said Lindeman had long been subject to spells of mental aberation, and that he continued to have these turns very frequently; and has left for the Northwest, from whence he came, therefore, *Resolved*, That his name be stricken from our Records.

‖Elected but NOT ORDAINED.

Q. 13.—Who have died this year?

A.—*Green M. Rogers, Sam'l Dansom, Preston Cooper*, and *Benj. J. Woodward.*

Memoir of Rev. Green M. Rogers.—Rev. Green M. Rogers was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, September 1802. Between that period and the time of his conversion, but little is known of him. It is, however, to be presumed that he removed with his parents to Tennessee, where in 1826, he professed religion at home in the woods, and soon after was baptized at Daye's Camp Ground, in Carroll County of that State.

In 1828, at the Tennessee Conference, Brother Rogers was received on trial and appointed as the junior preacher, with J. B. McFerrin, to Franklin Circuit, in Huntsville district; 1829 Limestone. In 1830 he was received into full connexion, ordained Deacon, and appointed to the Conesauga Mission, with Young Wolfe—E. Graves being interpreter, under Francis A. Oliver, the Superintendent of the Cherokee Missions. In 1831 to the Cherokee Agency, Dixon C. McLeod being Superintendent; 1832 ordained Elder and appointed to Hatchy Circuit, in Forked Deer District; but in 1833 he located. During that year, after his location, he was married to Miss Mariah Fisher. He re-entered the Tennessee Conference in 1836, and was transferred to the Mississippi Conference, and appointed to Raymond; 1837 presiding Elder of Monticello District; 1838 Brandon District; 1839, 1840, 1841, and 1842, Sharon District; 1843, Agency for Centenary College; 1844, Holmes Circuit. Brother Rogers being one of the delegates to the General Conference in 1844 at New York, united with the Southern delegates in resisting the action of the majority on the slave question, and in 1845 was one of the delegates to the Convention for the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. For that year he was stationed again on Holmes Circuit; 1846, 1847, Vicksburg District; 1848, 1849, Yazoo District; 1850 Cole's Creek Circuit; 1851, Middleton; 1852, 1853, 1854, Paulding District.

While on this District Brother Rogers had a paralytic stroke, from the effects of which he never entirely recovered, although he frequently traveled about, yet could not articulate so as to preach or even hold family prayer. At the Conference of 1855 he was superannuated, which relation he held to the Mississippi Conference at the time of his death. By a train of circumstances unforeseen, and almost wholly Providential, he was reduced from a comparatively easy condition to one of great dependence, and although surrounded by a large and almost helpless family, as long as able physically to do so, he went on. By disease he lost every servant he had, except a small child, and twice when he returned home from his district—the last appointment he ever had—he was greeted with the afflictive intelligence of the death of two fine little boys, one of them about ten years old, the industrious and careful, indeed manly, support of an afflicted mother, when his father was obliged to be absent.

But under all these afflictive bereavements, followed by the loss of health, Brother Rogers murmured not. When he could do so, he was at the house of God and at the Class Meetings. Often he was deeply affected, and when in the latter part of his life, he could not talk, or indeed, from an impaired memory, recollect other things, speak to him of Jesus, Heaven, and Glory, and he would begin immediately to weep and praise God. Death came at a moment when sister Rogers and one of his daughters were ill. On Sunday before this sad event he was carried to the Church rather better than usual. The Minister who preached took as his text "There remaineth, therefore, a rest for the people of God." After service, when help came to carry him to the vehicle in which he was to return home, as he was raised from his seat he made an effort to speak, and exclaimed "rest," "rest." These, it is believed, were the last words he distinctly uttered. On the Wednesday night following, after being put to bed, he feel asleep, and during the night became not only worse, but wholly unconscious, and died the next day (Thursday), the 11th September, 1858.

Brother Rogers was known almost all over Mississippi, and was greatly beloved

by his many friends. He has left the wife of his youth, long a child of affliction, a large and almost helpless family to mourn his loss, but their loss, and that of the Militant Church, are most certainly his eternal gain. Being a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Lodge to which he belonged not only united in his burial, but generously proffered to meet all the expenses attendant upon it, including a metalic case; and it may afford his distant friends some consolation to know that after a funeral sermon preached at the Church, his remains were followed to the grave by a very large and deeply affected assemblage of citizens, that know how to appreciate the labors of this departed servant of God. T. C. THORNTON.

Memoir of Rev. Preston Cooper.—The Rev. Preston Cooper was born in Warren County, Tennessee, Dec. 29th, 1806. In 1825 he left his native County and went to Alabama. While there, engaged in a school, he was awakened and converted under the Ministry of John G. Jones, 1827.

Soon after his connection with the M. E. Church he became deeply impressed with the conviction that it was his duty to preach the Gospel—to give himself to the work of the ministry fully, and being confirmed in this conviction in a most extraordinary manner he conferred not with flesh and blood; but gave himself to the work at once. He was admitted on trial in the Mississippi Conference, held at Tuscaloosa, Dec. 1828, and appointed to Chickasawhay Circuit, in Alabama. In 1830, Columbus Circuit, in Miss.; 1831, Marion, Ala.; 1832, Saline, La.; 1833, Madison, Miss.; 1834, Lake Providence District, 1835, Louisiana District; 1836, Washington Station; 1837, Madisonville and Canton. In 1838 and 1839 he was local. In 1836 he was married to Mrs. ——— Middleton, of Franklin County, Miss. The Churches he had served failed to give him the support necessary. Hence he located, and lectured two years on a new system of English Grammar. It was remunerative; and at the Conference held at Natchez in 1839 he was re-admitted and appointed to Crystal Springs Circuit; in 1841-2, Vicksburg Station. During the first year yellow fever was there as epidemic, and like a pestilence in darkness carried of hundreds of citizens. Brother Cooper was at his post doing the work of a faithful pastor among the sick, dying, and dead. In 1843 and '44, Jackson Station; 1846 and 1847 Warren Circuit; 1848 and '49, Yazoo City; 1850, Vernon and Livingston; 1851, Raymond Station; 1852 and '53, Yazoo City; 1854 and '55, Lexington and Richland. During the last year his health became feeble, yet he thought he could still labor for his Lord and Master. And though not able to attend the session at Vicksburg in Nov. 1855, he was appointed to Yazoo Circuit. But his active labors were done. He was never able to preach a sermon after that time. Suffering was his lot till death came to his relief. At the Conference held in Kosciusko Nov. 1856, he was granted a superannuated relation, which he held until his death in July 1858.

Brother Cooper was a close student. His fund of information was vast. His sermons were well arranged, and often delivered with great effect. His simplicity and piety won many hearts—gave him access to many, which his zeal prompted him to take as captives for his Lord. He had many seals to his ministry; yet it was almost unknown to others so far as his publishing was concerned. He was hardly ever known to write a revival notice, lest fleshly glorying might be in it.

Although he was confined to his bed most of the time from Dec. 1855 until his death, his confidence in God was strong and unshaken. He was calm, resigned, quiet, happy—often delighting those who visited him with a description of his enjoyments and bright prospects. But he is gone! The Church has lost a devoted friend and faithful minister! His family has lost! We have all lost! The world is better for his having lived in it! Heavens praises have been increased since he went up!

H. H. MONTGOMERY.

Memoir of Rev. Benj. J. Woodward, M. D.—The Rev. Benj. J. Woodward, M. D., was a native of Sumner County, Tennessee, born in 1811. His parents were pious members of the M. E. Church—his father a Class Leader. His

father died when he was but a little boy, less than eight years of age. His mother married again; and before he was ten years of age a cruel step-father drove him from his home and mother! He was forbid ever to enter that home again! So young and tender and sad he went forth to depend upon his own feeble efforts for food, raiment, and education! The hardest part of his trials was, he was not allowed to see his mother. He never saw her after his banishment until she was on her death bed. Under the cover of night he visited her room and mingled his tears with hers, and received her last blessing. "Be a good boy, Benny, and meet me in heaven," were her last words to him. The spirit of all grace so applied them to his heart, that they were a faithful sentinel when tempted to run into sin at any time. He alternated from teaching and going to school until he finished his education, attended a full course of lectures and graduated as M. D. He entered upon the practice of medicine immediately and was successful. Although a moral young man he felt that to be happy he must experience evangelical religion. For years he was a seeker and tried to use every means of grace generally supposed to be proper for "mourners." At a Camp-Meeting in Noxubee County Miss., when the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was being administered, the spirit so moved on him to partake, that he feared that if he then refused he would drive the spirit from him and seal his damnation. With a trembling heart he went forward, and while receiving the emblems he was enabled by faith to receive Christ as his Savior—light, peace, and joy came in like a flood upon his soul!

In after years he felt it to be his duty to preach the gospel of Jesus. He was diffident, and offered many excuses for several years—almost excluding himself from society so fearful that he must at last have to preach. Finding no rest out of this duty he applied for license to preach in 1852. The same year at the Conference held in Jackson, Miss., he was received on trial and appointed to Carthage Circuit, where his labors were greatly blessed, and many precious souls were converted; in 1854 he traveled Attala Circuit—a large field. He had many seals to his ministry there also. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Early, Dec. 1854; and for 1855 was appointed to Grand Gulf Circuit. During the early part of that year he had a severe attack of disease in the Kidney. In 1856 he was supernumerary on Holmes Circuit. He did good service part of that year. Ordained Elder by Bishop Pierce, Nov. 1856, at Kosciusko; 1857 Agent for Sharon Female College. He entered on this work in good earnest, hoping to do good. But after a few weeks effort, his affection of kidney returned so violently that he had to desist. His active work was done! At Conference in Brandon, Nov. 1857, he was granted a superannuated relation. On the second Sabbath in December he attended service—closed with an exhortation in which he told of the sweet peace he had, and of the bright prospects for heaven. After dinner he started to see a patient; and in a few minutes he returned not able to speak, get off his horse, or walk. After *nine* hours suffering he ceased to be among us!

Bro. Woodward was a zealous christian, a laborious preacher, a good pastor. In 1846 he was married to Miss Mary A. L. Coats, an intelligent and accomplished lady and pious christian.

H. H. MONTGOMERY.

[The Obituary of Brother Samuel Dawson, was sent to the General Book Editor, together with the others, to be printed in the General Minutes, and we have no copy. This will account for its non-appearance here. It will appear in the General Minutes.)

Q. 14.—What are the numbers in Society?

SHARON DIST.	WHITE. MEMBERS	WHITE. PROBATIONS.	COL'R'D. MEMBERS	COL'R'D. PROBATIONS.	L. PREACH'RS.	DEACONS.	ELDERS.	S. SCHOOLS.	OFF'RS & TH'RS.	SCHOLARS.	VOLS. IN LIB'Y.	VIST'RS TAKEN.	MONIES COLLECTED S. S.	BIBLE MONEY.
Sharon Circuit	160		161		1	1	1	1	21	70	200	80	$488	
Canton	89	35	70	20			1	1	9	60	500		18 00	
Vernon and Livingston	73													
Vernon Col'd Mis'n			75	2										
Madison do do			35	30										
Robinson's Plantations			152											
Carthage	315	50	60		3	5	2							
Attala	390	70	35		2	2	2							
Double Springs	314	100	17		2		1	4	22	124	360		45 00	
Bankston	135	63	17		1									
Greensborough	320	12			2	1								
Starkville and P. Chapel	85	14	118	40										
Octibeha Ct	300	73	103											
Octibeha Col. Mission			56	185						147				
Camden	209	32	187	87	2		1	4	30	112	460		43 75	
McWillie Col. Mission			98	4										
COVINGTON DIST.														
Covington Circuit	98	4	112	7				3	23	80	925	30	40 00	
Franklinton	277	61	71	31	2	1	1							
Gainesville	46	30	20	40				2	10	45	175	14		
Columbia	80	18	59											
Sea Shore	67	86	12	21	1			2	12	50	200	20		
Leaf River Mission	133	31	15	3										
Black Creek Mission	106	55	5	5	1									
Livingston Ct	275	35	64	3	4	1	1	6	18	107	700			
St. Helena	110	15	100		1									
East Baton Rouge	161	81		118	1	1	1							
Greensburg	110	28		15		1	3							
VICKSBURG DIST.														
Vicksburg Station	225	33			3			1	19	160	554	100		
do Col. Mission			155	53										
Warren and Col. Mission	147	68			1									
Clinton Ct	277	53	400			1	1	3		120	400		20 00	
Raymond & Spring Ridge	169	19	150	12	3	1	1	2	18	100	700	20		$5 00
Jackson Mi	123	21	148	60	1			1	14	75	800			
Crystal Springs	341	80	23	88	3	2	6	4	27	162	500	20		
Rocky Springs	73	7	210	34										
P. Gibson & G. Gulf C. M.	82	20	85	28				1	11	60	260	60	80 00	
GREENVILLE DIST.														
Greenville Circuit	55	9	113	48				1	8	30	75		9 50	
Greenville Col. Mission			181	136						45				
Bolivar	22	4	250	50										
Upper Deer Creek			67											
Middle Deer Creek	7		94	33										
Lower Deer Creek	15	7	89	18				1	5	23	115	200		
Talula	18	19	425	270										
Sunflower	40	6	250	100	2									
NATCHEZ DIST.														
Natchez Station	300	148	374	220		1	1	1	31	120	600			
Woodville St	119	42	434	20		1		1	10	40	200	25		
Washington & Col. Mis'n	*45	5	350	75										

*Last Year's Report.

NATCHEZ DIST. (CONTINUED.)	WHITE. MEMBERS.	WHITE. PROBATIONS.	COLR'D. MEMBERS.	COLR'D. PROBATIONS.	L. PREACHERS.	DEACONS.	ELDERS.	S. SCHOOLS.	OFF'RS & TH'RS.	SCHOLARS.	VOLS. IN LIB'Y.	VIST'RS TAKEN.	MONIES COLLECTED S. S.	BIBLE MONEY.
Kingston	21		212	13				1	3	20				
Buffalo	222	165	100		1	1								
Washington Ct	174	83	200	52	1									
Wilkinson Col. Mission			290	123										
Bayou Sara and Barrow's	12	20	30	10				1	3	15	100			
Percy's Creek	98	7	414	60	1									
Clinton, La	120	61	100	58	1		2	1	15	80	250		$88	20
Jackson, La	132	76	89	72			1	2	15	83	500			
East Feliciana Ct	264	36			2	1	2	4		105	700			
E. F. Col'd Mission			510											
FAYETTE DIST.														
Fayette Circuit	254	101	21	39		1	2							
South Jefferson C. M.			150	41						200				
North do do			200	69						71				
Scotland and Col. Mission	299	83	171	80	3	1		3	16	105	145			
Bayou Pierre Ct	358	224			4	1	1	2	10	80	150		20	00
do do Col. Miss.			125	163										
Georgetown Ct	358	103	50	21	2	1	2	5		75	300			
Pearl River Ct	268	41	75		2		1							
Brookhaven	128	90	40	19	3			1	2	8	300			
Holmesville	170	35	148		1		1	1	5	25	250			
Amite	300		300		2									
Meadville	173	93	138	35	7			2						
YAZOO DIST.														
Yazoo City	90	3	125	15	1			1		80	400			
do Col'd Mission			81	58						72				
Yazoo Circuit	288	76	31	12	3		2						6	00
Big Black Col. Mission			114	108										
Valley Mission					91									
Holmes Ct	218	27	100		1									
Richland and Lexington	135	10	129											
Ebenezer	121	56	235	36	1		1	1		23				
Honey Island Mission	2		149	23						120				
Black Hawk Ct	325	145	82	18		2	1	2	8	45	392		20	00
Middleton	358	72			3	6	1	1	7	15	80			
Carrolton	225	25	125		1			1	7	45	500			
‡Carrol Col. Mission														
Sidon Mission			88	14						100				
Greenwood	58	12	112	13										
North Warren	111	34	20	25	1			4	20	60	225		40	00
do do Col. Missio			1	47										
PAULDING DIST.														
Paulding Circuit	365	144	100	50	1	2		2	12	40	100			
Westville	201	97	55	45	2	2								
Raleigh	172	11	31	2	2		3	1	5	40				
Brandon	564	64	230	41	6	3	2	9	18	407				
Hillsboro'	270			25		2								
Concord	185	61	50	23										
Decatur	370	105	19	32	3		3	1		7	35		8	00
Philadelphia	278	103	75	40	3	3	3							
Louisville	187	53	40	34	2									
Webster	265	71	39	30	2	6		1	7	35	40			

Q. 15.—What amounts are necsssary to meet the claims of the Superannuated Preachers, the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up deficiencies of those preachers who have not obtained their disciplinary allowance?

Report of Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to present the following report, viz: Whole amount of deficiences of the effective preachers, superannuated preachers, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, is $7,766. To meet this, and the demand of the Book Agent, at Nashville of $400 for the Bishops, we have funds on hand to the amount of $3,205 90, which we have distributed as follows, viz:

H. M. Youngblood	$121 35	Brother Hankins' Children	33 50
J. B. Higgenbotham	82 70	do Level's do	33 50
B. Avant	92 00	do Shockley's Child	16 80
A. R. Hines	73 50	Sister Daughtery	63 00
R. H. Sibley	80 00	do Rogers and Children	195 30
D. McDonald	120 10	do Hyer do do	96 50
J. G. Deskins	100 80	T. C. Parish	63 00
J. M. Jones	84 00	Sister Morris	63 00
E. R. Strickland	126 00	J. McLennan	96 50
Geo. T. Vickers	63 00	Sister Nash and Children	96 50
J. O. Woodward	157 50	do Fly do do	96 50
J. L. E. Byrd	126 00	do Garret	45 00
Hardy Mullins	126 00	do Cooper and Children	30 00
Sister Haney	63 00	do Lane	20 00
do Chapman	63 00	do Winans	20 00
do Johnson	63 00	do Lewis	10 00
do Paine and Children	96 50	do Woodward	10 00
do Watson do	113 40	J. C. Clinton	25 00
Brother Smith's Children	33 50		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. ERCANBRACK, Ch'n.
B. JONES.
JNO. R. LAMBUTH.

Amounts of the Conference Collections from the several Circuits and Stations, according to the Memoranda of the Finance Committee:

Holmes	$ 25 00	Clinton	$ 7 00
Greensborro'	5 00	Greenville	93 20
Jackson, Miss	17 00	Georgetown	21 00
Greenville	35 00	Raleigh	15 00
Philadelphia	11 00	Sidon	5 50
Yazoo Ct	72 00	Scotland	25 00
Wilkinson	140 00	Jackson, La	83 60
Sea Shore	15 00	Sharon	43 70

CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS CONTINUED.

Fayette	86 25	East Feliciana	24 00
Vicksburg	73 50	Middle Deer Creek	30 00
Decatur	1 00	Sea Shore (Bishops)	10 00
Starkville	25 80	Unknown	7 00
Brookhaven	11 00	do	15 00
Natchez	35 00	Clinton, La	55 00
Buffalo	26 10	North Warren	75 00
Warren	40 50	For Bishops, per D. M. Wiggins	25 00
Brandon	86 75	Carthage	41 60
Covington	10 00	Canton	43 50
Attala	56 25	Bankston	30 30
Octibbeha	31 60	Camden	75 00
Webster	10 00	L. and Vernon	38 10
Meadville	22 50	Port Gibson	37 00
Crystal Springs	39 90	Middleton	75 00
Carrolton	63 75	Ebenezer	59 00
Black Hawk	75 00	Am't on Vanhouton donation	40 00
Sidon	5 00	Lexington and Richland	50 00
Lexington, Richland.. for Bishop's fund	10 00	Percy's Creek	75 00
Louisville	12 50	Concord	94 50
Bayou Sara	18 00	Paulding	10 00
Pearl River	10 05	Union	1 00
Gainesville	14 00	Am't on Vanhouton bequest	220 00
Rocky Springs	327 50	Woodville	149 80
Holmes	8 00	Holmesville	25 00

[The above is taken from rough sheets left with us by the Finance Committee. There may be inaccuracies. Some places are mentioned more than once. The reason of this is, that in some instances, part of the sums reported were special donations, &c.]

Q. 16.—What is the action of the Conference as to the cause of Education?

A.—The Report of the Committee on Education was adopted as follows:

SHARON FEMALE COLLEGE OF MISSISSIPPI.

In reference to this institution, we have learned the following facts and statistics:

The report of the Trustees of Sharon Female College represents that institution as being in a sound, prosperous, and improving condition, under the Presidency of Rev. S. F. Gard. It represents that the buildings, apparatus, a competent corps of teachers, and a healthy location, all conspire to bespeak for it the confidence and patronage of our people. We might also add that Madison College, under the Presidency of Dr. T. C. Thornton, located at Sharon; that Port Gibson Female Academy, under

Rev. Benjamin Jones; the East Feliciana Female Institute, located at Jackson, La., under the care of Rev. Thos. W. Brown; the Mount Herman Female Institute; Natchez Young Ladies' Institute, under care of Miss L. S. Chamberlain; the School of Mrs. Mary Wall, located in Clinton, La.; and the Southern Female College, under Dr. Capers, are all Colleges and Schools mostly, if not entirely, under the control of Methodist teachers, and that they merit and ought to receive the patronage of the church and public.

CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA.

In reference to this institution we have learned the following facts and statistics:

The College has now entered upon its fourteenth session. It is sending forth, annually, a large class of young men, who are ornements to the various walks of private and professional life. It has a Faculty of nine men, all competent instructors and faithful teachers; most of them men of ripe scholarship, and long experience in teaching. Its course of study is as extensive as that of any College under the supervision of our Church, and this course is thoroughly taught. The Joint Board and Faculty are determined that in this respect the standard shall be elevated rather than depressed.

Since the completion of the new center building, the College is prepared to accommodate three hundred Students, and we hope it will not be long till that number will be on the Register. Other aids, such as Libraries, Cabinet, Chemical, and Philosophical Appartus, will bear favorable comparison with other institutions of the same grade. We confidently expect the College to increase in public confidence and usefulness under the joint patronage of the Louisiana and Mississippi Conferences, and, by the blessings of God upon the labors of all who are interested in her welfare. Many of the young men are under the influence of God's Word and his Spirit, brought into the Church, and when they leave the College, they go forth to sustain and build up the Church throughout the bounds of the patronizing Conferences.

Of the 169 graduates, 81 are members of our Church, and 6 are members of other Churches. Of the 16 who have died, 10 are known to have died in the triumphs of the Gospel. Six of the graduates are Ministers of the Gospel of Peace, and are calling men to repentance. Of the present number of Students, over one-third are members of our Church. These facts are calculated to encourage us, while they show us that the Faculty have not failed to conduct a Christian College on Christian principles. In the preceding statement no mention has been made of the vast number of under graduates that have been sent forth in the last thirteen years; many of these sustain honorable positions in the various walks of life. The College educates, as far as tuition is concerned, the sons of itinerant ministers, gratis. Fourteen sons of the members of the Mississippi Conference have graduated there, and every one of them are to-day members in good standing in our Church. God is not only establishing the work of our hands upon us, but he is giving us our children in fulfillment of his gracious promises. The special attention of the Conference is called to the present indebtedness on the College building recently erected, and the subject of increasing the endowment fund. The debt has not decreased during the past year, and if not speedily met our character will suffer, if it is not suffering already. In view of these facts the Mississippi Conference appointed an Agent, and directed their Secretary to apprise us of it, with the request that one should be appointed by the Louisiana Conference to co-operate in raising funds to pay the debts of the College and also raise an Endowment Fund. Your Committee believe that an efficient Agent would be eminently successful within a part of our Conference, in raising funds for these worthy objects. But few of the laity have ever been applied to for aid in this great enterprise, and they only wait the opportunity to give. The importance of an Endowment Fund to place the College above any ordinary contingency—to enable the Board of Trustees to command and retain a full and competent Faculty—to enable the Faculty to keep good discipline among the Students; and to improve the grounds and

increase the Libraries, Apparatus, and Cabinet, so that the College may thereby be prepared to enter advantageously into competition with more Northern colleges, must be perceived by us all, and until such an Endowment Fund is raised, the College will not be established upon an immovable basis. The Conferences around us are alive to this great work. Look at Alabama, raising in less than two years $320,000, for a single educational enterprise, and cannot Louisiana and Mississippi combined, with their vast resources, and their central position upon the rich delta of the Mississippi river, do as much? It appears to your Committee that every man, true to humanity, to his children, to his Church, and to his God, will respond in the affirmative, and to the extent of his ability will assist to attain such a noble object.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we are truly thankful to God for the prosperity and usefulness of Centenary College, of Louisiana, and of Sharon Female College; and that as institutions under the special care of this Conference, we will continue to recommend them to the patronage and liberality of our people.

Resolved, We recommend the appointment of Rev. V. H. Johnson, as an Agent for Centenary College, of Louisiana, for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we earnestly solicit the Louisiana Conference to appoint an Agent at its next meeting, to co-operate with the Agent from the Mississippi Conference to raise funds for the Cententary College.

Resolved, That we recommed the Bishop to re-appoint Dr. T. C. Thornton and Rev. J. M. Pugh to Madison College.

JOHN C. MILLER, Ch'n.

Q. 17.—What is the action of the Conference on the subject of Sabbath Schools?

A.— The following report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report:

That they have had the matter under consideration, and are glad to know that our Sunday Schools are generally in a prosperous condition, and that an increasing interest is being felt and manifested among our people on that subject. According to the

statistics of the past year, we have in the bounds of our Conference 73 Schools, 445 Officers and Teachers, 3108 Scholars, 12,551 volumes in Libraries, 364 copies of the Sunday School Visitor are taken, and $569 63 has been collected for Sunday School purposes—$429 63 of which has been expended, leaving a balance on hand of $40. We lament that the above exhibit shows that we are doing so little for the moral and religious training of the children under our care, and that so few copies of the Sunday School Visitor are taken within our bounds, and would urge our ministers and people to renewed efforts in those noble and philanthropic enterprises.

We regard the Sabbath School cause as one that claims the attention, and should interest the feelings, and call forth the energies of all who love the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that it is to the Sunday Schools mainly that we are to look for the strength and support of our beloved Methodism, when we are dead and gone.

For the further advancement of the interests of the cause of Sunday Schools, your Committee would respectfully suggest to all our brethern in the ministry, who have charge of Circuits and Schools,

1st. The importance of appointing to the office of Superintendent of Sunday Schools, such persons as are well qualified for that office, so far as it may be in their power to do so; and

2d. Of seeing that all the Schools in their respective charges have an Annual Sunday School Celebration; and, wherever it is practicable, of bringing two or more Schools together for that purpose; and

3d. Of using our influence, so far as we can with propriety, to get the parents of the children, and the people generally, to attend the Sabbath Schools. This would greatly encourage the teachers, and children, make the Schools much more interesting, and productive of a greater amount of good.

4th. Of doing all we can to give a more extensive circulation to the Sunday School Visitor. We believe that that paper ought to be placed in the hands of every little boy and girl within our

bounds; by reading it they not only receive instruction, but acquire a taste for reading—and finally we would have it distinctly understood, by all concerned, that we have no connection with the American Sunday School Union in any way whatever, either directly or indirectly; and we would advise our brethren everywhere, where there is a sufficient number of children, to have their own Schools. Our esteemed Sunday School Agent has furnished us with an ample supply of all the books necessary to be used in our Schools (except reading books for the younger children of our Schools), which may be obtained at Nashville, Vicksburg, or New Orleans.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. A. J. PARKER,
B. F. JONES,
JOSEPH D. NEWSON,
JOHN T. DEW,
G. W. BAYNARD.

Q. 19.—What is the action of the Conference in relation to Church Publications?

A.—The following report and resolutions, from the Committee on Church Publications, was adopted by the Conference:

Report on the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

We have had before us the report of the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate. We rejoice to find it in a healthy financial condition, and to know that it is increasing in patronage and usefulness.

We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in accordance with the provision of the discipline made by the last General Conference, and in reference to the invitation of the Publishing Committee, we hereby adopt the New Orleans Christian Advocate "as the organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, within our bounds," and that the Conference shall annually appoint a committee of three to act as a Publishing Committee on the part of the Conference.

Resolved, That we will, during the ensuing year, in each charge, and in conjunction with the patronizing Conferences, make an earnest and dilligent effort to raise the subscription list

to at least ten thousand subscribers, and that we will present its claims publicly to our congregation, and privately to individuals, and faithfully collect its accounts.

Resolved, That we congratulate the friends of the paper and the church upon the appointment of Rev. C. C. Gillespie, by the last General Conference, to the editorial chair; that we are gatified with the industry, zeal, and ability manifested in the present conduct of the paper; and that while we parted with Dr. McTyeire with regret, we yet receive his successor with hopeful joy, and cheerfully and confidently recommend him and his paper to our people and to the patronizing public.

Resolved, That we further reccommend the Quarterly Review, the Home Circle, Sunday School Visitor, and Nashville Christian Advocate to the patronage of our preachers and people.

Book and Tract Society.

Resolved, That it is expedient and proper that the Book and Tract Society of the Mississippi Conference should sustain, as nearly as may be consistent and practicable, the same relation to and have the same interest in the Publishing House at Nashville as the Book and Tract Societies of the other Conferences.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Conference, that the Book and Tract Society should direct its labors largely to the extension and propagation of Sunday-Schools in the bounds of the Conference.

Resolved, That Bishop Paine be, and he is, hereby requested, to re-appoint brother H. H. Montgomery, and brother James H. Merrill, to the Agency of said Society.

Church Evangelist.

Whereas, The late General Conference adopted a plan for publishing a cheap religious newspaper, for the purpose of diffusing Christian knowledge amongst the thousands of poor and comparatively uninformed; therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Conference heartily approve the plan of endowing and publishing *The Church Evangelist;* and agree individually to aid, as far as in our power, the execution of the benevolent design to be accomplished.

Resolved, That we cheerfully commend the enterprise of endowing and sustaining said paper, according to the plan set forth and illustrated by Rev. C. K. Marshall in his appeal, as its Agent,

to the generous and Christian regards of our people within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested, in appointing Agents to the several Institutions within the bounds of our Conference, to require that they should also act as Agents for *The Church Evangelist Endowment Fund.*

Report of Committee on Missions.

The Committee of Ministers and Lay Delegates of the Mississippi Annual Conference, to whom was referred by the Conference, the subject of Missions and Missionary effort within our bounds, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That our Missionary efforts being directed to both domestic and foreign missions, it is in our estimation, of vast importance to ascertain in what manner the former can be carried on so as not to impede the latter. In our opinion it is the duty of a Gospel Ministry to preach the Gospel as far as practicable "to every creature." In the Providence of God the slave population of the South seem to be, in a great degree, committed almost wholly to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for religious instruction, and it is a most momentous and important question, how can this be most effectually done? We know that under the plan heretofore adopted much good has been effected; but many of your committee are of the opinion that with proper exertions, and a more suitable plan, much more might have been accomplished.

For instance, you can never make the slave population believe that a Sugar house or Cotton Gin is a Church; nor do they feel in the place of their daily toil that pleasure and delight which they experience in a place consecrated to Divine worship wholly. Moreover, it is a fact proved in many, very many instances, where the negroes have a regular place (a church or house of worship),

properly so called, they become settled, and in most instances stable members of the Church. It is therefore a question of moment, at least one worthy of inquiry, whether or no it would not be better, far better, for the planters to unite in the erection of houses convenient to two, three, or more farms, in which the masters, mistresses, and their children, the overseers and their families may worship with the colored people, and enjoy the benefits of an evangelical ministry. We know that in South Carolina, and some parts of Mississippi and Louisiana, this plan has succeeded well, and in some cases owners, overseers, and slaves have been converted to God.

Again it is of vast importance to make these missions or appointments self-sustaining. Many are of opinion that the most effectual way to do this is to gather the whites as well as colored, into church, and thus unite them in exciting in each other those kind and christian feelings always produced, reciprocally, between a pious master and his upright servant. Some planters may object to this at first, but afterward they or their successors will come in, and they will mostly unite in sustaining missions, fraught with so much comfort and benefit to both master and slave. We believe this to be a subject worthy of the cool and calm deliberation of the Conference; and especially so, as every dollar saved from domestic missions is so much added to aid and strengthen our foreign missions, for which there is at this time such a demand. We would not certainly advise the Conference by any means, to lessen its efforts in behalf of domestic missions, but we suggest, if possible, a change to render them more effective and self-sustaining.

We would also respectfully suggest to the Conference that there are very many Indians in the State of Mississippi, who prefering under their treaty with the general government, to remain here and come under the State Laws, to be transferred West of the Mississippi river, now form a part of the permanent population of our State. In the welfare of these sons of the forest, the original proprietors of the soil, the Methodist Church, South has taken a deep interest, and it is a remarkable fact, that

whilst the Indians of the North and East have been wasted, and have passed away as the snows on their mountains before a summer's sun, the Southern Indians have always been cared for, and taught the way of salvation by Southern christians, and especially by Southern Methodists; so that the other day twelve Indian preachers were ordained at one time by Bishop Early. Your committee therefore, respectfully ask, cannot this Conference do something for the Indians in this State? Can they not send a preacher specially to teach them the way of life? If this cannot be done, will not the preachers stationed in their vicinity, hunt them up and point them to Jesus? We believe our people, and many not of our church, would cheerfully contribute of their means to sustain any brother who would engage in this work of benevolence and christian duty.

Properly speaking, the subject of Foreign Missions does not belong to your Committee, or this Conference, only incidentally. These are under the special charge and direction of our Bishop and the Missionary Board. But it will not be denied that we are under positive obligations to do our own part for their advancement, in common with the great Methodist family. But the incidental connection that we, as a Conference, have with our mission to China, is of such a character as to place us under a very strong obligation to sustain it. One of our members, the Rev. Jas. W. Lambuth and his wife Mary, have been there for three years. We learn not only from the letter addressed to this Conference, that they have done well, but from other sources, that God is blessing their labors for the instruction and salvation of the Heathen. The Missionary Society, when enquired of at the Canton Conference by telegraph, as to the amount annually required to sustain brother Lambuth and his family in China, informed us $1,250 annually. The Mississippi Conference then pledged itself to sustain him at an annual expense equivalent to that sum. It appears that all sums collected in our bounds, even those for a specific purpose, have been turned over to the Missionary Board, and the salary of brother Lambuth has been about $800, a sum much less than that originally pledged by the Mis-

sissippi Conference, and out of this salary of $800 he has expended a considerable amount in building a house for divine worship. Now a question fairly arises, ought not this Conference to make up that deficiency out of the Missionary collections of the present year? This is not all; certain sums of money were collected by the friends of the China Mission, for specific purposes, viz: At Pearl River Church, whilst Rev. Jacob Mathews was in charge, $100 for the rent of Mrs. Lambuth's School-house, and paid over by him at Vicksburg Conference. At Kosciusko Conference, $30 to name a boy at school after Bishop Pierce; and $30 for a girl to be named after sister Ercanbrack. Again

Amount collected and paid over for a Church in China, by

	Rev. David M. Wiggins	$ 50
Do	Rev. W. Harrington	100
Do	Rev. H. T. Berry	25
Do	Rev. Jas. Y. Griffing	10
Do	Rev. Robt. W. Lambuth	53
Do	Dr. Ward and T. C. Thornton	100
Do	Rev. Mr. Montgomery	100
Do	Rev. W. Ford	100
		$538

All paid over at Brandon Conference for this specific purpose. Now it is not believed that there is any error in the aggregate sum, by any means, but by some error in not naming in the reports the direction that should be given to these specific amounts, they have not been appropriated as directed, and we have reason to believe that from the wants of the same, our beloved brother Lambuth and wife, having devoted a part of their salary to a church, have been forced to live, contrary to our wishes, on very ordinary diet, and that by no means nutricious. Your Committee respectfully also suggest that other sums have been collected and paid over for similar objects, which, while acknowledged in the aggregate, have not been applied as directed by the donors. Ought not every dollar of these sums to be paid over forthwith to the father of our brother Lambuth, and be forwarded through Middleton & Co., New York, to his son?

Your Committee think it ought to be done, and they do so recommend to this Conference.

The Committee rejoice to report to the Conference that God is blessing the China Mission. Those sent out by our church we believe to be men and women of God, and they have, and think this Conference should have, undiminished confidence in William and Mary Lambuth. Their letters breathe a devotion to the great work in which they are engaged, that must, we believe, under God's blessing, lead to triumph and success. Independent of the letters received by the Conference, by brother Thornton and the venerable father of our beloved and devoted brother Lambuth, in China, and pious and self-sacrificing wife, there is a most interesting letter received by President Thornton from James Liew, Chinese Methodist preacher, in connection with our mission there, and his wife Mary, written in Chinese, and translated by brother Lambuth, that breathes a spirit of devotion to God and his cause of no ordinary character.

All China is now open to missionary effort. The demand is made for more laborers. Is there no young man in the Mississippi Conference who is willing to do as did William and Mary Lambuth—leave all and go to seek and bring back to God the poor lost heathen? Your Committee believe there is more than one ready to answer to this Macedonian cry for help. Is not this Conference—is not the Church South—ready to respond and give of its means cheerfully for this great, noble, and glorious work? Your Committee hope that "all things are ready," and that the cry will go to the ends of the earth "come to the marriage."

The Committee on Missions recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, By the Mississippi Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, That in our estimation we are called in the Providence of Almighty God to do all we can for the enlightenment and salvation of the colored population within the bounds of our Conference.

Resolved, That we respectfully suggest to our ministers and members, and those planters who desire their servants to be

preached to, the propriety of erecting houses of worship where this is not already done, at convenient places, for two, three, or more farms, so that as many colored persons as possible may have the regular ministrations of those who may be sent to preach to them the Gospel of the Son of God.

Resolved, That the owners and managers of such be earnestly requested to make such missions self-sustaining.

Resolved, That those of our preachers who may be stationed in the bounds of our Conference where there are Indians, be and are hereby requested to devote a portion of their time to the religious enlightenment and instruction of the Indians, and especially the children.

Resolved, That we hereby renew our pledge to sustain the Chinese mission, and especially do we pledge ourselves to support our brother and sister Lambuth, in that work in which they are there engaged.

Resolved, In order to do this more effectively it is hereby ordered that the Treasurer of the Mississippi Conference Missionary Society refund and pay over to the Rev. John Lambuth, the father of our brother Lambuth of China, those sums originally given for a Church, School, or Schools, or other purposes, in China, in order that the original intention of the donors may be fully carried out, and that the Rev. J. R. Lambuth be and is hereby requested to forward the same forthwith to China to be appropriated by his son to the specific purpose originally intended.

Resolved, That all sums collected for the use of our brother Lambuth or family, or intended to be appropriated by him, be committed to his father to be sent to him as above; and that such donation be recorded as so much presented within our bounds for the use of a Foreign Mission.

Resolved, That T. C. Thornton and Dr. C. K. Marshall, be a Committee to address a letter to our beloved brother and sister Lambuth, in the name of this Conference, and inform them of the reception of their letter through brother Thornton, and of our undiminished confidence in them and their devotion to their work, and also of our determination fully to redeem our pledge to sustain them in China.

Resolved, That we shall be pleased to hear from them annually, at least, and we request them frankly to communicate to us their wants, and we hereby promise to do all we can to have them supplied.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. C. THORNTON, Chairman.

Q. 20.—What is the action of the Conference on Ministerial Support?

Report of the Finance Committee, Plans &c.,

For the purpose of securing uniformity in our fiancial operations, your committee recommend the following

PLAN:

First, The preachers in charge shall, at the earliest convenience of those concerned, call a meeting of the Stewards who shall ascertain the amount needed to support the preacher or preachers on their Circuit or Station, as also the amounts apportioned by the District Stewards or Presiding Elder, to meet the claims of the Presiding Elder and of the superannuated preachers, their wives, and the widows and orphans.

Second, This amount shall be divided out among the entire membership, according to the respective ability of each—by the Stewards, or, by a committee of from three to six of each church, chosen from among the members thereof.

Third, The Stewards, or Committee provided in the second item, shall notify each member as soon thereafter as practicable, of the amount assessed to him or her.

Fourth, Should there be a deficiency in the amount needed, the Stewards may provide for it, by re-assessment or any other method they may deem best.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. ERCANBRACK, Chairman,
B. JONES,
J. P. THOMAS,
JOHN H. STONE.

The said Committee to whom was entrusted the duty of devising a plan for raising funds for the purpose of meeting the claims of our Bishops, superannuated preachers, their wives, children, widows and orphans, ask leave to report that they have given the matter due consideration; and, as the result of their deliberation, would respectfully present the following

PLAN:

First, It shall be the duty of the Financial Committee of the Conference, to ascertain, at each Conference, the whole amount necessary to meet the claims of the Bishops, superannuated preachers, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans, for the succeeding year.

Second, It shall be the duty of said Committee to make an apportionment of this amount to the Presiding Elder's Districts, according to their respective abilities.

Third, It shall be the duty of the District Stewards, and, in case of failure on their part, of the Presiding Elder of each district, to apportion to the several Stations and Circuits of the district, according to their several abilities, the amount thus assessed.

Fourth, It shall be the duty of the Stewards of each Station and Circuit to collect and deliver to the preacher in charge, Presiding Elder, or Lay Delegates of said charge, the amount to them assessed, to be paid over at Conference to the credit of said Station or Circuit.

Fifth, To all Circuits, which the Presiding Bishop and Committee on Missions shall deem unable to support a preacher, an appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Missionary Society, sufficient to insure the disciplinary allowance of the preacher or preachers of said charge.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. ERCANBRACK, *Ch.*
B. JONES,
J. R. LAMBUTH. } PREACHERS.

JNO. H. STROUD,
J. P. THOMAS. } LAY DELEGATES.

AMENDMENT TO REPORT.

Sixth, It shall be the duty of the Preacher in Charge, to furnish the Annual Conference a full statement, certified to by the Recording Steward, of the amount of money allowed him for his support by the Board of Stewards of his Circuit or Station,

and the amount of such sum collected and paid to him; also, the amount of money collected for the support of the Bishop, superannuated Preachers, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans.

Mississippi Conference Assessment.

Apportionments to the several Presiding Elders' Districts of the Mississippi Conference, to raise the claims of the superannuated Preachers, their wives and children, and the widows and orphans of deceased children, for the year 1859.

Biloxi	$ 50	Natchez	900
Sharon	625	Fayette	900
Greenville	625	Starkville	400
Yazoo	765	Clinton	150
Vicksburg	900		

Whole amount to be raised $5315. Owing to a change in the districts, and want of proper information, the Committee on Finance were unable to make the apportionment before the adjournment of Conference; since then, circumstances have prevented till now its publication.

L. ERCANBRACK, Ch'n.
B. JONES,
J. R. LAMBUTH.

Kosciusko, Miss., Jan. 21, 1859.

Missionary Treasurer's Report.

NATCHEZ DISTRICT.

Natchez—Dr. F. A. W. Davis $100; others $41 75; Missionary Society Sunday School $69 25; Colored Congregation $9	$ 220 00
Woodville Annual collection	260 00
Collected on Missionary Anniversary	256 00
Donated by E. McG. $300; M. B. $20; G. $20; C. $20; E. $20; C. $10 M. L. $10; S. $10; E. J. McG. $25	435 00
Kingston	595 00
Wilkinson	569 45
do Colored Mission	490 00
Bayou Sara and Barrows C. Lures	72 00
Percy's Creek	550 00
Jackson	15 00
East Feliciana	220 00
do do Colored Mission	262 00
	3,935 45

FAYETTE DISTRICT.

Fayette South and North Colored Mission (for China $112 50)	1205 40
Scotland	30 00
Bayou Pierre ($40 of which was given for China)	1967 85
Georgetown	87 80
Pearl River	9 05
Brookhaven	60 00
Holmesville	35 00
Meadville	18 05
	3,413 75

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

Greenville	933 50
Bolivar	5 00
Lower Deer Creek	22 50
Talula	40 40
Donation by Rev. R. W. Lambuth	70 00
Sunflower	200 00
	1,271 40

VICKSBURG DISTRICT.

Vicksburg	36 83
Warren	425 00
Clinton	245 25
Raymond and Spring Ridge	80 00
Jackson	46 00
Crystal Springs	36 15
Port Gibson and Grand Gulf ($5 for China)	450 00
Warren Circuit (reported by Rev. W. M. Curtis)	260 55
Rocky Spring ($30 for China, to be appiled to education of Rebecca Owen)	327 50
	1,927 28

YAZOO DISTRICT.

Yazoo Colored Mission	80 00
Yazoo Circuit	112 10
Big Black Colored Mission	400 00
Valley Mission	350 00
Holmes	1 00
Richland and Lexington	73 50
Ebenezer ($3 for Home and $3 for Foreign Missions	44 83
Honey Island Colored Mission	350 00
Black Hawk	15 00
Middleton	40 00
Carrolton	9 05
North Warren Colored Mission	100 00
	1,575 48

PAULDING DISTRICT.

Paulding	80 00
Westville ($5 for China)	20 00
Raleigh	16 00
Brandon	61 00
Philadelphia	4 25
Louisville	12 50
	193 75

SHARON DISTRICT.

Sharon and Thornton Chapel ($30 for China)	61 05
Canton	45 00
Madison Colored Mission	600 00
Vernon and Livingston	305 00
Robinson's Plantations	150 00
Attala	41 30
Double Spring	25 75
Bankston	6 25
Starkville and Pearce Chapel	3 10
Oktibbeha	314 00
Camden	177 00
McWillie's Colored Mission	125 00
	1,853 45

COVINGTON DISTRICT.

Covington	25 00
Franklinton	10 00
Gainesville	12 00
Columbia	26 85
Sea Shore	20 00
Leaf River Mission	138 55
Black Creek Mission	87 50
St. Helena	23 00
East Baton Rouge	12 00
	354 90

Vanhouton Bequest Fund, &c.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Vanhouton Bequest Fund, and Rawls' Donation, would report that he has collected and paid over to the Board of Conference Stewards $2 20 of interest on the former, and $30 interest on the latter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. MONTGOMERY, Treasurer.

LEVI PEARCE reported that he had received and paid over to the Conference Stewards $40, interest on Mrs. Vanhouton's donation, and also that he had in his hands $163, and the interest thereon for the last year—the bequest of Miss Adelaide Gerring, for the education of a travelling Methodist Preacher's daughter. The Conference authorized him to loan the same at interest again for the next year.

Report of the Missionary Committee of Appropriations for the Ensuing Year.

At a meeting of the Missionary Committee of the Mississippi Conference, Dec. 14th, 1858, the following appropriations were made:

FAYETTE DISTRICT.	
North Jefferson Colored Mission	$100 00
GREENVILLE DISTRICT.	
Sunflower Mission	50 00
Upper Deer Creek Mission	100 00
NATCHEZ DISTRICT.	
Buffalo Mission	150 00
YAZOO DISTRICT.	
Valley Colored Mission	100 00
Honey Island Colored Mission	100 00
Sidon Mission	150 00
SHARON DISTRICT.	
Lobutchee Mission	150 00
STARKVILLE DISTRICT.	
Bankston Mission	100 00
Oktibbeha Colored Mission	100 00
Louisville Mission	200 00
BILOXI MISSION DISTRICT.	
To the District	350 00
Garlandsville Colored Mission	100 00
Leaf River Mission	50 00
Black Creek Mission	50 00
Gainsville Mission	50 00
CLINTON DISTRICT.	
Livingston Mission	150 00
	$2,005 00

LEWEL CAMPBELL,
B. M. DRAKE,
J. G. JONES,
LEVI PEARCE,
WM. B. HINES,
R. J. JONES,
B. PIPKIN,
JOHN LUSK.
} Committee.

I concur, R. PAINE.

Miscellaneous Resolutions.

SOUTH-WESTERN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

WHEREAS, Many of our people have been induced to encourage and aid the "South-Western Sunday School," at New Orleans, from a misapprehension of the relation of our Church to said concern; therefore,

Resolved, That neither the Methodist Episcopal Church South, nor the Mississippi Conference, has any official connection with the South-Western Sunday School Union.

Resolved, That we disapprove the introduction of its Agents into our pulpits, in their capacity as such.

H. H. MONTGOMERY,
C. K. MARSHALL.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES.

Resolved, That we have been highly gratified with the attendance on the Conference of so large a number of our brethern, as Lay Representatives; and believe their presence and influence have been healthful and salutary, and think that after the system has been fully harmonized, the joint energies and aims of both parties will and must be beneficial in a high degree to the interests of our Church.

C. K. MASHALL,
L. PEARCE.

Resolutions were adopted unanimously thanking the citizens of Woodville, for their generous hospitality; also, the West Feliciana Railroad Company, and the N. O., J. & G. N. Railroad, for their kindness in conveying the members to and from the Conference free of charge.

General Conference Resolutions.

Bishop Paine presented to the Conference for its concurrence, the resolutions of the last General Conference, expunging from the Discipline, the General Rule, prohibiting the "buying or selling of men, women and children, with an intention to enslave them." The vote stood, for concuring 78; against *none*. So the Conference unanimously concurred.

Course of Study and Committees of Examination.

First Year.—Bible, as to Doctrines; Wesley's Sermons; Fletcher's Appeal; English Grammar; Composition.

Second Year.—Bible, as to Sacraments and Ordinances; Watson's Life of Wesley; Watson's Apology; Fletcher's Christian Perfection; Ancient Geography; Discipline; Composition.

Third Year.—Bible, as to History and Chronology; Ruter's Church History; Watson's Institutes—parts I and II; Rhetoric; Blair's University Edition; Composition, or Sermon.

Fourth Year.—Bible Generally; Watson's Institutes—parts III and IV; Powell on Succession; Old Christianity vs. Papal Novelties, by G. Ousley; Logic; Sermon.

COURSE OF STUDY.

The Course of Study was classified as follows: Literary, Historical, and Theological; and Committees appointed accordingly, to examine the Classes for the next four years.

Literary.—John C. Miller, W. H. Watkins, and W. P. Barton.

Historical—Jas. L. Forsyth, Benjamin Jones and Jno. J. Wheat.

Theological.—H. H. Montgomery, H. M. Booth, and John Lusk.

Committee to Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial.—B. M. Drake, John R. Lambuth, and T. W. Brown.

Visiting Committee Centinary College.—H. J. Harris, G. H. Clinton, J. A. B. Jones.

Sharon Female College.—H. H. Montgomery, Wm. M. Curtis, and James L. Forsyth.

Publishing Committee of New Orleans Christian Advocate.—B. M. Drake, W. H. Watkins, and J. J. Wheat.

The Conference resolved to hold its next session in the City of Jackson, Miss. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.

The following were appointed to act as Chairmen in Committee of the whole at the next Conference, upon the several subjects named:

ON EDUCATION.....B. M. DRAKE.
ON MISSIONS.....JAMES L. FORSYTH.
ON BIBLE CAUSE.....BENJAMIN JONES.
ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.....CHARLES K. MARSHALL.
ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.....WILLIAM P. BARTON.
ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.....WILLIAM H. WATKINS.

P. S.—It is contemplated in the appointments that the Chairman will, in the recess of Conference, collect and arrange all the matters possible that may be subject to the action of the Committee of the whole in lay session. SECRETARY.

Appointments of the Preachers--With P. O. Address.

NATCHEZ DISTRICT.—*L. Campbell*, P. E., Jackson, La.
Natchez Station—Jno. J. Wheat, Rob't B. Downer, Natchez, Miss.
Kingston Circuit—*Wm. H. Watkins*, Natchez, Miss.
Meadville Ct—*Henry M. Youngblood*, Union Church, Miss.
Amite Ct—*Erastus R. Strickland*, Liberty, Miss.
Holmesville—*John B. Bowen*, Holmesville, Miss,
Pearl River—*Arch'd B. Nicholson*, China Grove, Miss.
Buffalo—John J. Clarke, Hopewell Church, Miss.
Homochitto Colored Mission—To be supplied.
Wilkinson—*David W. Dillehay*, Newtonia, Miss.
do Jacob C. Sellers, Tunica Landing.
Woodville—*James A. Godfrey*, Woodville, Miss.
Percy's Creek—*Thomas Price* (one to be supplied) Fort Adams.
FAYETTE DISTRICT—*John G. Jones*, P. E. Fayette, Miss.
Fayette Circuit—Wm. G. Millsaps, Chas. A. McNeal, Fayette.
South Jefferson Colored Mission—*Robert A. Sibley*, do
North do do do John D. Willis, do
Washington and Col'd Mis'n—*B. M. Drake*, Washington, Miss.
Scotland do do do *Wm. B. Johnson*, Fayette, Miss.
Brookhaven—Rich'd T. Hennington, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Georgetown—*James H. Laney*, Jas. C. Taylor, Holmesville, Miss.
Bayou Pierre—*Wm. Wadsworth*, Wm. B. Lewis, Pine Ridge,
do do Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Cayuga Ct—*Henry J. Harris*, Cayuga.
Rocky Springs and Colored Mission—*Dan'l. A. J. Parker*, Rocky Springs, Miss.
Port Gibson, Grand Gulf and Colored Mission—*Horace M. Booth*, Port Gibson.
Benjamin Jones, Principal of the Port Gibson Collegiate Academy, Port Gibson, Miss.
VICKSBURG DISTRICT—*Levi Pearce*, P. E., Yazoo City.
Vicksburg Station—*William P. Barton.*
Bovina Colored Mission—*Hervey Copeland*, Vicksburg, Miss.
Warren and Colored Mission—*Peter E. Green*, Nathaniel S. Cornell, Vicksburg.
North Warren—*Joseph D. Newsom*, Ingraham, Miss.
Clinton & Col'd Ch'rge—*Lyslander Wiley*, Geo Jackson, Raymond.
Raymond and Spring Ridge—*J. R. Lambuth, J. T. Dew*, Raymond.
Jackson, Miss.—*James L. Forsyth*, Jackson.
Brandon—*William Price*, Brandon,
Rankin Colored Mission—*John G. Deskin*, Brandon.
Union Circuit—*Franklin W. Shurbrough*, Trenton, Miss.

Henderson H. Montgomery, and *James H. Merrill*, Agents for the Book and Tract Society, Sharon, Miss.

Charles K. Marshall, Agent for "Evangelist," Vicksburg.

Richard Abbey, Financial Sec'y of Publishing House, Nashville.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.—*Wm. B. Hines*, P. E., Greenville.

Greenville Circuit—*Whitfield Harrington*, Greenville.

do Colored Mission, Green C. Fore, do.

Bolivar and Colored Mission—Wm. Glass and Parmenas Howard, Lake Bolivar.

Upper Deer Creek—*Elisha F. Mullins*, Greenville.

Middle Deer Creek—*James T. Griffing*, do

Lower Deer Creek—William H. Lyon, Deer Creek, P. O.

Tallula—To be supplied.

Duncan & Hampton's Plantations—*James H. Shelton*, Samuel T. Swaney, Tallula.

Point Worthington and American Bend—Charles G. Andrews, Point Worthington.

YAZOO DISTRICT—*David M. Wiggins*, P. E., Sharon, Miss.

Yazoo City—Rob't. W. Lambuth, Yazoo City.

do Colored Mission—Jacob P. Briggs, do.

Mt. Olivet—*Francis M. Featherston*, Satartia, Miss.

Valley Colored Mission—John W. Jones, do do.

Big Black do do Albert Becton, Dover, do.

Yazoo Ct. and Colored Charge—*Humphrey Williamson*, Benton.

Ebenezer Ct—*George F. Thompson*, Eulogy, Miss.

Richland and Lexington—George C. Light, Canton.

Holmes Ct—*James G. Carlisle*, Lockhart's Store, Miss.

Black Hawk—*Thomas C. Rayner*, Lexington, do.

Honey Island Colored Mission—Wm. R. Rainey, Tchula, do.

Carrolton—John W. McCrary, Carrolton, Miss.

Greenwood and Tallahatchie Colored Mission—*Chas. T. French*, Greenwood, Miss.

Sidon Mission—*James Mackennan*, Sidon, Miss.

STARKVILLE DISTRICT—George D. Wade, P. E., Starkville.

Starkville and Pierce Chapel—John J. Millsaps, Starkville, Miss.

Octibbeha Circuit—*James J. Early*, Starkville.

do Colored Mission—Thomas W. Hines, Starkville.

Greensborough Ct—To be supplied.

Middleton do *Wiley P. Dickerson*, Kilmichael, Miss.

Bankston do Asbury R. Hines, Bankston, do.

Attala do *Lorenzo Broadbrack*, Kosciusko, do.

Double Springs—*Thomas W. Castle*, Pigeon Roost.

Louisville—*John M. Jones*, Louisville, Miss.

Webster—*James O. Woodward*, *Webster*.

SHARON DISTRICT—*Jacob Mathews*, P. E., and Agent for Sharon Female College, Sharon, Miss.
Sharon Circuit—*Josiah M. Pugh*, Thos. M. Ward, Sup'y, Sharon.
Canton and Pearl River—*Wm. M. Curtis*, Canton.
Vernon and Livingston—John Lusk, Clinton, Miss.
Madison Colored Mission—*Andrew Day*, Canton.
Robinson's Plantations—*James S. Harris*, Lexington.
Camden—*Washington Ford*, *John W. Adams*, Sup., Camden.
McWillie's Plantations—*John H. Massey*, Camden.
Carthage—James A. Light, Canton.
Lobutcha Mission—Alex. J. Smith, Laurel Hill, Leake Co., Miss.
Philadelphia—Kenneth A. Jones, Philadelphia.
Decatur—*Dan'l McDonald*—Decatur, Miss.
Hillsboro'—*Thomas C. Parish*, Good Hope, do.
Madison College—Thomas C. Thornton, President, Josiah M. Pugh, Professor Mathematics, Sharon, Miss.
BILOXI DISTRICT.—*Ransom J. Jones*, P. E., Claiborne, Miss.
Sea Shore Circuit James W. McNeal, Handsboro', do.
Gainesville do *James English*, Gainesville, do.
Columbia—Henry P. Lewis, Columbia, do.
Westville—*Burwell B. Whittington*, Mt. Carmel.
Raleigh—John A. Vance, Raleigh, Miss.
Paulding—Andrew J. Wheat, Paulding, do.
Garlandsville Colored Mission—Ransom J. Jones jr., Garlandsville, Miss.
Leaf River Mission—John Boyes, Ellesville, Miss.
CLINTON DISTRICT—*Barnabas Pipkin*, P. E., Darlington, La.
Clinton Station—*George H. Clinton*, Clinton, La.
East Feliciana Circuit—*Ephraim A. Flowers*, *George T. Vickers*, Sup., Clinton, La.
East Feliciana Col'd Mis'n—*Christopher R. Godfrey*, Clinton, La.
Jackson, La.—*John A. B. Jones*, Jackson, La.
Thompson's Creek Colored Mission—To be supplied.
Bayou Sara and Barrows' Chapel—*Thos. W. Brown*, Jackson, La.
East Baton Rouge—*Joseph Nicholson*, Walker, La.
Livingston Ct—*William S. Townsend*, do do.
Covington and West Pearl—Wallace W. Graves, Covington, La.
Franklinton—*Henry D. Berry*, Franklinton, La.
Greensburg—*Allen Castle*, Greensburg, do.
St. Helena—Dan'l M. Wadsworth, do do.
Centenary College—*John C. Miller*, President; *William H. Scales*, Professor, Jackson, La.
Vernon H. Johnston, Agent for Centenary College.
James W. Lambuth, Missionary to China.

Henry T. Lewis, transferred to Memphis Conference, and Standard at LaGrange, Tenn.

Thomas Owen, Rocky Springs; *Thomas Clinton*, Darlington, La.; *John B. Higginbotham*, Clinton, La.; *James M. Turner*, Monticello, Miss.; *Hardy Mullins*, Brandon, Miss.; Peter James, and J. I. E. Bird, Superannuated Preachers.

The Book and Tract Society.

The Book and Tract Society of the Mississippi Conference has been in successful operation for two years. The Depository is located in Vicksburg, on Washington, street, in an eligible business location, with a large and well assorted stock on hand, to which constant additions are being made. The demand for good Books is encouragingly on the increase, and the Managers of the Depository are determined to meet that demand with a constant and suitable supply. The friends of our Church and of piety are earnestly requested to lend their patronage and influence to aid the great work.

To the Members of the Mississippi Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN: Though our "MINUTES" are not out as soon as they ought to have been under other circumstances, they have not been delayed a day longer than was necessary to procure the *means of publication.*

H. J. HARRIS, }
W. P. BARTON, } Committee.

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Sessions.—The Fall Session opens October 1st. The Spring Session opens February 15th.

January 25th, 1859.

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